

himself), or his responses indicate that he has been humbled, you now have the glorious pleasure of sharing the Good News.

Sharing the Gospel

The Good News

Here's a good way to begin sharing the gospel: "God provided a way for you to be forgiven. The question is, how do you access this forgiveness?" Take the time to explain this thoroughly: "God loves you so much that He sent His only Son to suffer and die in your place, taking your punishment for you so that you could live. It is this simple: you broke the Law and Jesus paid your fine. Then Jesus rose from the dead and defeated death. If you will repent—turn away from sin—and place your trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God will forgive you and grant you everlasting life. He will change you from the inside out, and make you a new person in Christ."

This is the time to *magnify the love of God* to the sinner. Now you have the green light—go for it! Don't hold back: show the amazing length, width, depth, and height of God's love for the person as a sinner. This is when you pull out John 3:16. God offers complete forgiveness of sin and the gift of everlasting life *freely* to those who will surrender everything to Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

Ask the individual if he understands what you have told him. If he is willing to confess and turn from his sins and trust the Savior for his eternal salvation, have him pray and ask God to forgive him.

The Prayer

Should we pray the traditional sinner's prayer with someone who we think is willing to turn from sin and receive Christ? Perhaps this will shed some light on the subject: If someone you know committed adultery, would you lead him back to his wife and say, "Repeat after me: 'I am really sorry. I should not have slept with that woman' "? More than likely you wouldn't.